

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 880

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Donnie Smith to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-201, as amended by Chapter ___ of the Public Acts of 2018 (SB2260), provides for the governance of the University of Tennessee by the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, as amended by Chapter ___ of the Public Acts of 2018 (SB2260), provides that the governor shall appoint ten (10) members to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Donnie Smith of Fayetteville, Arkansas to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee to a term that commences July 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is the former president and chief executive officer of Tyson Foods, Inc., one of the world's largest food companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith joined Tyson in 1980 and served in numerous leadership roles before his appointment as CEO, including Senior Group Vice President, Poultry and Prepared Foods; Group Vice President of Consumer Products; Group Vice President of Logistics and Operations Services; Group Vice President Information Systems, Purchasing and Distribution; and Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith, a Tennessee native, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, since leaving Tyson, Mr. Smith has been engaged in agriculture projects around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's business acumen and experience as an officer and director of a publicly traded company will make him an asset to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, as amended, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee shall be confirmed by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Donnie Smith to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee for a term that commences July 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2024.